GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:241
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated, uneducated, skilled, unskilled, self employed and unemployed women in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) whether employment opportunities for women have increased during each of the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds allocated, released and utilised for the purpose during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a to d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 241 BY SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN, REGARDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN.

(a to d) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05. As per the results of those survey, women employment in the country on usual status basis has gone up from 123.04 million in 1999-2000 to 148.98 million in 2004-05, implying that 5.18 million women were provided employment per year during the period 1999-2000 to 2004-05. Out of 148.98 million women workforce during 2004-05, about 91 million were self employed and the estimated number of unemployed women was about 4.05 million. During 2004-05, about 61.8 percent of women workers were illiterate. The figures with regard to the entire country as well as the breakup with regard to major states are given in the Annexure.

Employment grew across all sectors of economy and also among both men and women. The self employment and educational levels among women have also increased during the period. Government of India has been implementing various employment generation programmes both for men and women. Some of these are Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, (NREGA) and Support to Training and Employment Programme for women (STEP). These schemes are generally demand driven and no separate allocation of fund is made for women. However, adequate measures are taken to ensure that benefits of the schemes extended to women as well. Under the scheme support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP), and in the National Vocational Training Institutes and in Regional Vocational Training Institutes (NVTI/RVTI) for women, the funds allocated and released during the last three years are as follows:

I. STEP

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds released
2004-05	2500	1781.87
2005-06	1500	1717.92
2006-07	1600	1597.64

II. NVTI/RVTI

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds released
2004-05	501.91	579.48
2005-06	637.80	629.28
2006-07	702.56	697.32

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 241 for reply on 03-12-2007.

Estimated number of women workers on usual status basis (UPSS) -All India & major states during 2004-05.

Total All India

(in million)

Number of workers	Self employed	No. of Unemployed
148.98	90.95	4.05

Breakup with regard to Major States

(in million)

Sl.No.	Major States	Number of workers	Self employed	Number of Unemployed
1	Andhra Pradesh	16.29	7.73	0.14
2	Assam	2.68	1.79	0.10
3	Bihar	5.58	2.88	0.01
4	Chhattisgarh	4.39	2.31	0.02
5	Gujarat	8.34	4.72	0.05
6	Haryana	2.75	2.22	0.06
7	Himachal Pradesh	1.51	1.36	0.04
8	Jammu & Kashmir	1.17	1.07	0.03
9	Jharkhand	3.82	2.87	0.01
10	Karnataka	9.89	4.74	0.16
11	Kerala	4.09	2.08	1.26
12	Madhya Pradesh	9.63	5.55	0.02
13	Maharashtra	17.39	8.37	0.20
14	Orissa	5.61	3.37	0.62
15	Punjab	3.05	2.46	0.22
16	Rajasthan	10.36	8.83	0.04
17	Tamil Nadu	11.41	5.19	0.28
18	Uttar Pradesh	18.17	15.21	0.12
19	Uttaranchal	1.56	1.38	0.02
20	West Bengal	6.99	4.11	0.33
21	Delhi	0.60	0.13	0.04